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EXPANSION PLAN OF AIR INDIA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India is looking to approach global aviation leasing companies for aircrafts following a delay in the delivery schedule of 27 Boeing 787 `Dreamliner` Aircraft to the airline by the American aviation giant `Boeing`;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Air India has taken up the matter of compensation with Boeing in view of the delay;

(d) to what extent the expansion plans/programmes of Air India are likely to hit; and

(e) the details of other aviation companies to whom Air India can look forward to able to meet the demand urgently?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a)&(b): Boeing has informed of the delay in the delivery schedule of first 12 aircraft out of 27 B787-8 aircraft being procured by National Aviation Company of India Limited(NACIL). The feasibility of extending the lease period of dry/wet leased aircraft is being explored to take care of the delay. A global tender has also been floated inviting bids to take B747-400, B777-200ER, B777-300ER, B777-200LR, B787-8, B330-200 and A340-300 aircraft for long term dry-lease.

(c): The compensation for delay in delivery of aircraft is already covered in the purchase agreement signed with Boeing.

(d): The B787 capacity was not only for expansion but also for replacing the A310 fleet in NACIL and the expansion programmes will get postponed by the period of delay in deliveries.

(e): As at (a) above.